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 Mr C. J. Smith  
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A meeting of the Board, was  
held present W. Duncan Green M.  
James R. Adams M. Knapp W. White  
John Anderson -

The president reported as  
follows - The number of admissions  
into the Hospital for the year ending  
31st Aug 1849 is 473 - remaining on  
1st Feb 1848 - 27,500 - making

500 for the Year - of these there were  
pauper patients 339 - & of Seamen 234

The number of deaths for the Year  
was 32 - of Seamen 14 & paupers  
18. The number of patients in the Hos-  
pital 1st Feb 1849 33 - making dis-  
charged cured or materially relieved  
the number 432. -

Mr. Stiles, who  
has acted as a manager for many  
years, having removed to Macon to  
reside, having handed his resignation  
to me, previous to his departure, Mr. John  
Anderson was recommended as a  
manager in his place, & he was ac-  
cordingly elected on the 5th of February.  
The time of the election of Managers.

It is for our pleasure to state that  
the Hospital continues to be kept  
in good order, - and I recommend the  
election of Mr. Hogg as steward.  
I also recommend the reelection of  
Mr. Arnold & Bullock as physicians -

so heavy an expenditure (Eight Hundred to a thousand  
Dollars) - The time has now arrived when  
it seems to me, the Expense may be  
incurred, without any inconvenience &  
I recommend the same for your consideration  
and action -

The accounts for the past Year  
have been examined by Messrs Green  
& Lewis of your Board, & certified to be  
correct & supported with the proper  
Vouchers - The Balance on hand is Three  
Hundred Dollars & 67 Cents - The permanent  
fund stands at \$53,500 - including the stock  
held by the Institution at present.

The above I beg to submit as my  
report for the past Year - W. Duncan pres.

The above report was accepted  
& ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The Board then proceeded to  
the election of presidents & Treasurers  
John W. Duncan was elected -

Mr. James E. Hogg was elected Steward  
for the Year & Mr. Arnold & Bullock  
were elected physicians -

Mr. Anderson offered the following  
resolution which was carried by Mr.  
Knapp was unanimously adopted

Resolved that 100 Shirts be made  
for the use of the patients, & that the  
Steward be responsible for the same  
and that they be counted & reported  
by him every month, say on the 1st  
of every month to any member of  
the Board who may be directed

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On motion of Mr. Sumner Resolved  
that the president be authorized to  
withdraw from any funds then on hand  
One thousand Dollars in the New  
Stock of Central R.R. Co. of Wash. D.C.  
which is to be called preferred  
new stock for which 8% interest  
premium is to be guaranteed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson  
Resolved that the president be  
authorized to procure fifty Iron  
Bedsteads for the Hospital on  
the best terms he can, that he  
procure mattresses for same if ne-  
cessary.

The president having reported  
that a man had lately died in the  
Hospital named Theodore Challand leaving  
a kin property, One Guitar, One Cornopian  
Shantroy One Clarionet, One flute one  
French Horn - with some books of music  
& articles of clothing - On motion of  
Mr. Knapp, the same were ordered to  
be sold at auction, & the proceeds to  
be held subject to payment of his bill  
of Expenses in Hospital, & the balance  
if any to be paid over to his legal  
representatives, if any such appear.

The president was requested to notify  
Mr. Stiles of the acceptance of his resigna-  
tion as a manager, & to convey the  
thanks of this Board for his valuable  
services as such.

The Board then adjourned  
M. D. Duncan

Amount of Theodore Challand's bill of Expenses  
in Hospital -

To Board from 31 Aug '45 to 5 Nov '48 @ \$5.00 per week	\$28.72
" Doctors attendance	5.25
" Medicine	3.12
" Funeral Expenses	6.00
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	\$44.09

Certified by J. E. Hogg Stewart -

Amount of Sales of Theodore Challand's jewelry at  
Auction June 16 \$1.25 =  
Amount of net proceeds of effects of T  
Challand sold by Philbrick & Bell, \$57.07  
and Sales rendered to Hogg Stewart  
for in his monthly a/c =

Savannah Feb 4 1850

An election for seven Managers of  
The Savannah Poor House & Hospital  
was held this day at the office of  
Wm. D. Duncan, between the hours of  
12 & 2 o'clock under the superin-  
tendance of the undersigned & the  
following Gentlemen were duly  
elected - Wm. D. Duncan, Charles  
Green, S. M. Farrow, R. A. Lewis,  
Wm. Knapp & Wm. H. H. & John W. An-  
derson.

Done Feb 4. 1850  
J. E. Hogg Stewart  
Wm. D. Duncan

Sav. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1850

Board met, a quorum not being  
present adjourned to 10th Feb

Nov. 14, 1857. The board met - present William Broun, Mr. Turner, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Smith, Charles Green, Manager, clerk for the next year - absent R. Lewis & John W. Anderson. The latter at Millington, attending the Legislature - The members present proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year - Wm Broun was duly elected President & Messrs. D. Arnold & W. Bullock, were re-elected Physicians for the year - It was moved, that the board postpone the election of Stewards for three weeks or a month - & that a committee be appointed to define the Steward's compensation & allowances, and also his duties as Steward of the Hospital - Mr. Green & Mr. Knapp to be that Committee. The President reported the number of admissions into the Hospital for the year ending 1st Feb 729 being an excess over the previous year of 250 Patients - 729 admitted 88 being in the Hospital at the commencement of the year, makes 767 patients who have received benefit in the Hospital for the past year, of this whole number only 87 died - being about one in fifteen of the deaths 16 were Am. Seamen & British Seamen & 31 paupers. The number of patients in the Hospital on 1st Feb inst. was 50.

The Father reported - The permanent fund increased during the year by the purchase of 10 Shares of Preferred 8% Central R Road Stock costing one thousand dollars - Making the permanent fund thirty four thousand

five Hundred dollars. He also reported that his accounts had been examined by Messrs. Charles Green & Mr. Turner, a Committee of this Board, & certified by them as correct and supported by the proper vouchers showing a balance on hand of 217<sup>00</sup>¢ - They further certify as Mr. Cash Book that the assets constituting the permanent fund, had been examined by them & found them as stated -

The President stated that the sum of fifteen Hundred Dollars may be loaned or invested from the balance on hand - & stated that Robert A Lewis proposes to borrow that amount, giving as security his father's note secured - And on motion of Mr. Knapp, it was resolved, to loan to R. A Lewis for 12 months the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars secured as above - at 7% interest -

On motion of Mr. Smith it was Resolved, that no post mortem examination of a pauper patient shall be made, without the consent of such patient's immediate friend & that in all pauper cases, post mortem examinations, shall be avoided unless when deemed necessary for <sup>the physician's</sup> ~~the physician's~~ information & that in such cases they be conducted with as much privacy as the nature of the case will admit.

The President stated that although he believed the Hospital Corporation entitled to fire a row of pines around the building, as by resolution of the City Council in 1818 & 1819, yet there is no

plat. or title deed to that effect  
 with in his possession not on record  
 beyond the Minutes of the City of  
 the Council in 1849 as stated above.  
 This is to be regretted, as the City claims  
 the neighbouring ground for a  
 grave yard - & have appropriated  
 a part of the same as it is believed,  
 for that purpose. - On motion the  
 President was invested with  
 full power to arrange the matter at  
 the lines of Hospital lot with the Mayor  
 or Committee of Council - and when  
 said lines are defined - it was recom-  
 mended that they be planted with trees.

Mr Turner was appointed with the presi-  
 dent a Committee to see to same done -  
 these being no further  
 business for the consideration of the  
 Board - it adjourned.  
 William Duncan Pres.  
 Wm Turner Secy

On 20th Feb'y I showed to R Adams  
 fifteen hundred dollars agreeably to  
 resolution Saturday for note John  
 Lewis Endorse R Adams dated  
 20th Feb'y 1850 at One Year. 70/100  
 Wm Turner

A copy of the resolution in reference  
 to Dr. Morse's Communications was handed  
 to H. E. Hoag the Steward for his perusal  
 in the premises. - And the resolution was  
 read to the attending physicians &  
 approved by them. Wm Duncan

Savannah May 25 1850  
 A meeting of the Board of Managers  
 was held at the meeting room of  
 Wm Duncan present Wm Duncan C  
 Green R Adams W. Knapp W. Anderson  
 John Turner The President stated that  
 the board had been convened to receive  
 the report of the Committee appointed  
 at the last meeting to define the Con-  
 pensation Privileges & duties of the  
 Steward. - Also to receive the resig-  
 nation of W. Knapp 1<sup>o</sup>

The Committee through its Chairman  
 W. Green reported as follows  
 "The Committee appointed to define  
 the privileges  
 Compensation of the Steward of the  
 Board of Savannah Poor House  
 Hospital by leave to report that  
 the Privileges  
 are understood to comprise  
 1- a free occupancy at the Hospital  
 of such rooms as may be necessary  
 for the accommodation of the Steward  
 his family, due care being taken  
 that there be not entrench upon  
 the wants or comforts of the patients.  
 2- a free supply of fire wood  
 3- a free supply of two Coats of band  
 per diem - The Compensation  
 a salary of \$100 per mo. \$720 per  
 annum

The Duties  
 1- A constant residence on the premises  
 2- A General & watchful supervision  
 of all the internal affairs of the house

by the physicians.

4. stated visits to all the wards, at least twice a day.

5. Close attention to the Cleanliness of the Warding, & persons of the patients - the ventilation of the apartments - the faithful discharge of the duties of the Nurses & domestics.

6. Upon the 4th head of the parts of the report, Your Committee would beg leave to ~~submit~~ observe, that in their opinion too little attention to this point has been the prominent deficiency in the Management of the Hospital. At a time the wards are visited, & it is presumed of course regularly, but this duty has always been in the opinion of Your Committee mechanically done. The object of these visits, is that the Steward may familiarize himself with the Cases, and intimately acquaint himself with the wants, as a pair of each. The Steward Your Committee conceives should be just as much consulted in every Case, confided to him, as though he were a physician other than himself were to treat it. It excites a depressing & unparalytic effect upon a patient, to find himself taken no notice of. It excites a shock, and animates to find that not merely aggregate, but individual suffering has the Case, through the sympathy of the Head of the House.

Your Committee further conceives that familiar & conversational visits among among the patients, and a free daily interchange of views with the phy-

sician, would contribute, more than any thing else, to extend the usefulness and popularity of the Institution.

If it be urged, that these duties of course out to the letter, must be excessively laborious, Your Committee admit it - but they are compelled to expect a vigorous attention even at the expense of much sacrifice of the Comfort of the Steward.

Your Committee make no exception, except on the Management of the present incumbent, they only believe him to have slipped into the routine of his predecessor, and they would earnestly request him, henceforward to identify himself with his Case, so as to feel that he is morally & religiously ~~bound~~ responsible, not only for the life but to a considerable extent for the Comfort & convenience of every inmate of the Institution.

Wm. Green  
Com. May 25 1850  
at New York  
Committee

On motion of R. A. Lewis the above report was accepted, and a copy ordered to be furnished the Steward.

A letter from Dr. R. C. Arnold was read conveying his resignation as one of the two attending physicians to the Hospital - and the same was accepted, & on motion of Mr. Green seconded by R. A. Lewis, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved That the Managers of the Savannah P.H. Hospital cannot accept the resignation of Dr. Arnold as Senior Physician to the House, without expressing their sensible appreciation of his high professional skill, & their gratitude for the unwearied attention with which he has devoted himself to the interests of the Institution during the long period of his valuable connection with it.

And it is further resolved -

That in order the more fully to come the obligations under which the Managers of the Hospital and the public at large have been laid by the eminent services of Dr. Arnold a Committee be appointed to procure a piece of plate to be presented, ~~to Dr. Arnold~~ with a suitable inscription to Dr. Arnold in the name of the Institution -

The same were unanimously adopted. - On suggestion of the President, Mr. Green was authorized to procure the same on his continental visit to England. - After some conversation as to the amount Mr. Green was left very much to the Exercise of his own judgment, the board intimating that about \$250 - a \$300. would be an appropriate amount.

The President was requested to furnish Dr. Arnold with a copy of the first resolution.

The board then proceeded to the election of a physician to the Hospital in place of Dr. Arnold resigned. - And the request having presented the name of Dr. <sup>Small</sup> he was unanimously chosen.

Mr. Hogg was named as steward for the next year, & the board so confirmed.

The President was authorized to purchase a new watch to act as assistant watch, in the place of old Ningo now used, when he can purchase a suitable one.

The board appointed William Green pres. <sup>John Finney</sup>

A meeting of the Board was held on May 28th - 1850 - & the following amendment to the Report of C. Green & W. Knapp appointed to define the Compensation privileges & duties of the Steward, was offered & unanimously adopted & ordered to be a part of said report. "In reference to Salary we find that previous to the present incumbents entering on the duties of Steward the Salary was \$300. Annually with free occupancy of such part of the house as was required.

We find that on an application from Mr. Hogg for an increase of Salary, the Managers voted him a document of 1400 hundred Dollars, in 1847 to aid him in meeting some other expenses incurred in education of his family, and at the annual meeting in February 1848 his Salary was raised from \$50 to \$70 per month to take effect from May 1st 1848. - On the 4th read as to Duties, your Committee beg further

To say that there is too much slackness on the part of the Board in their visits to the Hospital, and while acknowledging their own weaknesses in this particular, they would urge on each member of the Board, the necessity of more system in their visits, as they are convinced that regularity & frequency in this particular tends to encourage the officers of the Institution in the discharge of their duties & will contribute much to the comfort of the patients when they see an interest taken in their "Cooperation" - A copy of the entire report was to be handed to Mr. Hagg. No further business appearing the board adjourned.

Hellenau & Co. Secy. for the Pres.  
 A copy of the above report was delivered to Mr. Hagg July 1st 1850  
 H.D.

Mr. Green having very appropriately discharged the duty confided to him at the meeting of the board on May 25th last, by procuring a splendid Epitaph or Cauderata to be presented to Dr. Arnold agreeably to the resolution adopted at that Meeting, it was resolved that the same be presented. And accordingly a meeting of the board was held at the house of the president on Saturday 23rd Nov. 1850 at which all the members of the board were present, except Mr. Lewis who, to the great disappointment of the other members was at the time absent with his family at Roswell. For a particular account of the presentation, the proceedings, as they appeared

20. Report of Nov 29th 1850

SAVANNAH REP

**Testimonial to Dr. Arnold.**  
 We recently copied a paragraph from an English paper describing an elaborate and elegant work of art, designed and prepared by order of the Board of Managers of the Savannah Poor House and Hospital, for presentation to our esteemed fellow-citizen, Dr. Arnold.  
 Upon its arrival last week, the Doctor was invited to meet the managers at the hospitable board of the worthy President, WILLIAM DESSAS, Esq., after the cloth was drawn, the presentation took place, and in polite complaisance with an urgent request, we have been furnished with the felicitous remarks elicited on the occasion. We are sure they will be perused with interest by our readers.

The profession of medicine is one which the conscientious practitioner soon finds from practical experience, is to be exercised from far higher motives than those of mere pecuniary gain. Should he falter in the commencement of his career, because he has not received that remuneration which follows talent and industry in more favoured fields, he will never continue to pursue his profession with that earnestness and enthusiasm which are necessary to ensure ultimate success. To produce that enthusiasm, he must have a higher motive than money; he must feel that his sphere of duty is and must be one of noble benevolence. Pain and suffering are the heritage of fallen man. It is the high and holy duty of the Physician to alleviate them in far as human means will permit. He who honestly takes advantage of the sufferings of his fellow-creatures to speculate upon them, and turn them to his own profit, is unworthy to take a stand in our noble profession. He may accumulate wealth, but the finer spirits of the moral faculty soon communion with such a man, wherever he may be found. It is our opposition to quackery is supported by many to spring from interested motives on our part. Those who think so have mistaken us most grossly. I venture to assert that the indiscriminate use of mystic nostrums increases the number of patients for the regular faculty. The art of medicine is to know when to administer a remedy; the science of medicine is to know those remedies and the structure and functions of the human body on whom they are to act.

Dr. Deszas's address was as follows:—  
 Dr. Arnold.—On this occasion it becomes my cheerful duty to present to you, in the name and behalf of the Managers of the Savannah Hospital, this beautiful Epitaph, in testimony of their high regard for you, and in appreciation of your services as Physician to that Institution, during an unintermitted period of over fifteen years.  
 The victorious hero is rewarded by a grateful and admiring people—the laurel is entwined around his brow, as an emblem of the valor and achievements of him whom it adorns. But triumph may be achieved and glory won, in other fields than those of war; and he is to be as deservedly esteemed a hero and a benefactor to mankind whose noble and sublime work it is, to devote himself, his time, his talents, and his energies, to the relief of the distressed, and to the amelioration of the condition of the poor and destitute.

It is then but a plain common sense inference that powerful medicines, such as are contained in nostrums, most in vogue, when ignorantly and indiscriminately administered, must do positive harm in very many instances.  
 Gentlemen, social laws in all quarters of the globe produce the same results. The poor and the needy are ever more subject to disease than those who are wealthy and well provided for. The object of the Institution which is under your management is to afford aid to the destitute sick. Hundreds can every year testify to its active usefulness. You have spared no pains and no expense to render the accommodations suitable to the requirements of those who seek its aid. For the assistance I have rendered you in this beneficent object, you are now pleased, Gentlemen, to offer a most flattering testimonial. It is a source of most unfeigned pleasure, that in fulfilling the dictates of my own conscience, I have reaped the rich reward of the approval of so esteemed a portion of my fellow-citizens as you are.

In associating you with those who have been distinguished for their philanthropy and benevolence, we but recognise the position to which your services have entitled you. As a resident of this community, and an approved and successful practitioner of medicine, you have enjoyed, in a high degree, the confidence of your fellow citizens. A large and lucrative practice has consequently demanded your urgent attention. But even this occupied, you have, for the lengthened period adverted to, given to the Hospital the benefit of your valuable, unwavering, and gratuitous services. I may safely say, that in no instance have the interests of the Institution come into collision with your care, been neglected in the press of more profitable engagements.  
 You will perceive that the friends of the Ladies have been employed in adorning our menagerie of your inestimable kindness. They are ever foremost in deeds of benevolence and charity; and on this occasion, with their usual taste and skill, have evinced their admiration of like traits in you. Sir, I am sure the gift will be none the less acceptable in having passed through their hands.

Allow me to say, that the services on my part which you are thus pleased to reward in so complimentary a manner, were fostered and kept in activity by your earnest co-operation in every measure which could contribute to the relief of those who were obliged to look to your Institution in time of sickness. Disconnected as I now am from that Institution, I may now say, without any violation of delicacy or propriety, that after having in the last few years, critically examined similar institutions in several parts of the Union, I believe that you may challenge a comparison with the best regulated of any of them.  
 When I come to speak of my own feelings in receiving this testimonial of your approbation of my medical service to your Institution, I confess that I am at a loss of proper language. It is the proudest moment of my life, and while that life is spared, memory will ever recur to it as such.  
 That a portion of the suffer and better sex should have obtained this offering, is to the a source of additional pleasure. No one has a better opportunity than Physicians of observing all those peculiar traits of character which distinguish

Accept then our testimonial, and with it, our earnest and sincere wish that you may live long to enjoy the esteem and confidence of your friends and fellow citizens—and leaving thus an heirloom to your descendants, may a long line of them far down in the world's history, view with pride and pleasure the worthy deeds of their ancestor. And, above all, ever reminded of your example, may they be stimulated to similar actions of philanthropy, such actions as must forever receive the gratitude which is their due, and number them among the benefactors of their race. And may you, Sir, after a long and well spent life, receive from Him, who uttered the gracious words engraven hereon—"I was sick and ye visited me"—the consolation, "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

indeed stand as a ministering angel. To no one is the practicing Physician more indebted for active assistance in his attempts to relieve suffering, than to woman. In hundreds of instances, his success is to be attributed to her watchfulness and care in carrying out his directions. I do not speak words of empty compliment, but I express a sincere conviction when I say that every Physician is bound to entertain the highest respect and admiration for the female character. I beg to return you my sincere thanks for this beautiful present. I shall ever contemplate it with pride and pleasure. And should I ever fall in the exercise of the arduous duties of my profession, its sight shall ever recall me to fulfil them with renewed energy.

Accept my best wishes for the health and prosperity of each and all of you.  
 The testimonial which comes forth up to all the English prints said about it, may be seen for a few days at the bookstore of Mr. Cozzan.  
 We repeat the inscription:  
 Presented by the Managers of the Savannah Hospital,  
 to  
 RICHARD D. ARNOLD, Esq., M. D.,  
 in testimony of their grateful sense of the patient fidelity and skill with which he gratuitously served the Institution as physician, during an unintermitted period of fifteen years, 1835.  
 "I was sick and ye visited me."

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re herts attached. The Board was announced  
in their thanks to W. Green, for the taste displayed  
by him, in the design & execution of the testi-  
-monial for Dr. Caswell. At about 1 o'clock  
the Meeting adjourned.

The members pre-  
sent at this meeting  
were 11. Dr. Caswell  
Charles Green, Dr. Green  
W. B. Knapp, J. W. Anderson  
J. W. Hewitt. and also  
present Dr. Caswell.  
Jan. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1850

J. W. Green  
W. B. Knapp



better conception of the benefits of this institution will be had, if we will for a moment suppose the 99 patients which have been provided for in the City, depending on them for support, sustained and nursed during the past year. It would be a stretch of fancy to suppose that many of them would have been but indifferently cared for, and that the fatality by death would have been much greater.

In a report presented to the Board of Health for the City at its meeting in the end of January last, it was proposed to find the deaths in the City for this month of Novr 1851 & January amounted to one and twenty one nearly assuming our population at 16,000 - when we take into consideration that one patient on all admitted became sick, and in some cases admitted in a dying state, the mortality at the Hospital one in fifteen is by no means alarming, and comparing this year with the years 1840 & 1842 we have caused of fatalities - for in those years the deaths were 1 in 6, 1 in 8 & 1 in 8.

There has been a gradual improvement ever since, until we have reached our present average, which may be assumed as in maximum; as the same average has been maintained for three years.

It has been thus particular in the matter of mortality at the Hospital, that each member of the Board may know the facts. During the past year a testimonial agreeably to resolution of this Board was prepared and presented to Doct. Arnold, the parts of which are recorded in the minute book. The design and purview of that testimonial was conveyed to Mr Green of your Board; and the good taste and frankness with which he discharged that trust, entitles him to the thanks of the Board.

The fund which forms of this Hospital, has been increased since the last annual meeting from \$2000 viz by a loan to Mr R. A Lewis from the balance on hand 1st Feb 1851 of \$1500 and an amount of Bonds of the State Stock \$1500 -

The balance of funds on hand at this date is \$660-56 and an amount of Bonds of the State Stock \$1500 - The accounts have been examined by Messrs Ap-veisen and Town, who certify to their correctness and to the entire being accompanied by the proper vouchers. It thus also were exhibited the assets of this institution and by them certified to amount as stated above to \$37,500.

At the last annual meeting we voted

at that in Steward. It will be necessary at an early day to do so - whether a change in the Department is desirable must be left with the Board. I would remark that the present incumbent has a large family and requires more care than can well be spared, particularly, as our patients are increasing and a single man can probably be got, who will be able to devote his time exclusively to the Hospital, all which is respectfully submitted by

February 5th 1851

Signed  
W. Duncan  
Pres. of the Board

The Board proceeded to the election of officers & W. Duncan was duly elected President for year & Dr. Thulock & Dr. Sewall Physicians for the year from Feb 1 1851 till Feb 1 1852 - It was on motion resolved that the election of a Steward be postponed till Wednesday 15th inst at 12 o'clock, it having been suggested that Dr. Warner or Dr. Green of respectable & talents might be a candidate, and the advantages of having a medical testimony as Steward were so apparent to the Board that they resolved, to appoint a Committee consisting of Messrs Green & Knapp, to see Mr. Hoag the present incumbent, & prepare him for such a change.

The loan to W. Duncan & Mr. Green & R. A Lewis were continued for another year. The compensation of other Miller assistants was referred to

the president, with power to continue him  
in office or not as he might deem  
most to the advantage of the Hospital  
Board adjourned to 15th feby  
W. D. Mearns  
pres.

Savannah feby 15 1857. The Board  
met at the office of W. D. Mearns agreeably  
to adjournment presnt W. D. Mearns  
W. H. Kapp Green W. Anderson R. A  
Lewis J. L. Nevitt. The minutes of last  
meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Green in behalf of the Committee  
reported, an interview with Mr. Hogg, which  
resulted in Mr. Hogg declining to be a  
Candidate for reelection - which report  
was accepted. A letter from Mr. Hogg  
was then read - stating his circumstances  
but making no application to the Board  
for reelection - or anything else.

A letter was then read addressed to  
the Board from Dr. Warner, in which  
he offers himself for the office of Steward  
of the Hospital in the event of a vacancy  
occurring - after which the Board  
proceeded to the election of a Steward.  
Dr. Warner was unanimously elected to  
for one year from 1st April next, and  
the same salary & privileges, as allowed  
the present incumbent.

It was on <sup>motion</sup> unanimously resolved  
that no nurse shall hereafter be permanently  
appointed without confirmation by the  
Board.

It was on motion resolved that  
the president, be authorized to take the  
necessary steps to have the Hospital

appropriately lighted with gas.

It was resolved that the president  
be requested to apply to the Inferior  
Court for the usual appropriation  
for the use of the Hospital.

Mr. Green offered the following pre-  
amble & resolutions which were adopted.

Upon the matter of the election of an  
Steward for the Hospital for the en-  
suing Year, Mr. Hogg not being a  
Candidate for reelection Dr. S. Warner  
was nominated by Mr. Green and  
upon ballot unanimously chosen  
as Steward of the Institution for the Year  
commencing 1st April next, at the same  
Salary as the present incumbent,

whereupon it was on motion Mr. Green  
resolved that the president be requested  
to express to Mr. Hogg the entire good  
feeling & wishes of the Board in  
parting with him at the close of his  
arduous duties - and that the presi-  
dent in commencing this resolution  
be requested to solicit Mr. Hogg's attention  
to his successor during his <sup>interim</sup> <sup>visit</sup>  
to the institution prior to  
entering upon his office, that Mr. Hogg  
will kindly make him familiar with  
the nature of his duties and a further

That the president be empowered to pay  
to Mr. Hogg one quarters salary more  
and above the amount which may appear  
due to him at the expiry of his term  
office -

The Board adjourned  
W. D. Mearns pres.

Gas. Mon. cl. 21 1857

A meeting of the Board was held this day at the office of the President  
 present W. Duncan, G. Green, R. Radwin,  
 W. Anderson, W. Bennett & W. Knapp &  
 M. Turner. Dr. Warner the steward  
 elect being present was introduced  
 to the Board. preparatory to his  
 entering on his duties see list page.  
 He was also furnished with a copy  
 of resolution adopted 10th Feb. 1847  
 in reference to the Steward's duty in putting  
 up the prescriptions of the physicians,  
 He was also furnished with a copy of  
 the report of the Committee of 20th May 1850  
 defining the privileges, compensation & duties  
 of the Steward. Dr. Warner  
 the Board & pledged his most faith-  
 ful attention to the duties of his office.  
 The president reported that the  
 fence around the Hospital requires repair  
 & after deliberation he was authorized to  
 see what a brick fence could be built for  
 all round. & if that should exceed \$1400.  
 then to have the front fence built of  
 brick & the remaining part repaired.  
 The Board then adjourned.  
 W. Duncan pres.

Sat. June 27 1857

The Board met to day at the office of  
 W. Duncan  
 present W. Duncan & W. Anderson M. Turner  
 Charles Green W. Knapp, M. Turner  
 The president stated that the City Council  
 through the Chairman of public sales had  
 proposed to the board to relinquish the  
 land belonging to the Hospital, south of  
 the Hospital Building in consideration of  
 the City giving to the Hospital a fee  
 simple title to as much land on the  
 North side of the Hospital or as near  
 an equal quantity as the plan of  
 the City recently made will admit. After  
 a free & full interchange of views by the  
 members, the following resolution was  
 offered by W. Knapp & seconded by W.  
 Anderson. Resolved that a Committee of  
 three to consist of W. W. Anderson Dr.  
 the president, be authorized to negotiate  
 with the city an exchange of land agree-  
 ably to the plan submitted this day to the  
 Board which plan is suggested by the  
 Chairman (Mr. M. Turner) of public sales,  
 and that said Committee secure complete  
 title to the same which was unanimously  
 adopted.  
 Mr. Anderson offered the following res-  
 olution, seconded by W. Knapp & adopted.  
 Resolved that pauper patients may be admitted  
 by the Steward, to remain at the Hospital  
 after recovery from disease, & under security  
 to the satisfaction in performing or other  
 work about the hospital, <sup>at the discretion of the Steward</sup> to the extent of  
 their expenses in the Hospital as patients  
 and not beyond that amount. The value

of such pauper services, to be fixed at the same as may be allowed the House.

The president reported, having purchased a negro woman in patience & her daughter about six years old, for the sum of Eight Hundred dollars, from Dr. P. Miner, who has a lien title for the same to the Savannah Poorhouse Hospital.

It was the sense of the Board that a brick wall be erected all round the lot, say on three sides, as soon as it can be advantageously done, after that time from the City shall have been completed, and that a ~~brick~~ iron fence or railing be erected on the south front of the Hospital say on Wentworth Street.

It was also the sense of the Board that one of the rooms in the East basement might be fitted up for a "dead room" - in place of that now in the Yard & which will have to be pulled down if the contemplated exchange of land be made.

No further business appearing the Board adjourned -  
W. D. Mearns.

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Savannah Nov 28. 1857

A meeting of the Board of Managers was held this afternoon at the Counting room of W. Duncan. Present W. Duncan, P. Mearns, J. W. Keritt, R. C. Lewis & Charles Green. The president stated, that Patience one of the servants at the Hospital, the woman purchased in June last, had come to him, at 2 o'clock, covered with blood stating she had been beaten & flogged by Dr. Warner the steward. The president said he was at a loss what course to pursue in the matter, & asked Council of the Board. He was not disposed to indulge the servant, feeling satisfied in his own mind, that she must have given serious provocation, by impudence or otherwise, - at same time we are the protectors of the servants owned by the Hospital, & are bound to see, that their chastisement is not too severe. The president said, that his own impression was to send the servant back, at morning hour, to attend to her duties & avoid giving impudence. The Board recommended that course - & also that he address a note to Dr. Warner by patience, stating his course with her, and at same time urging on Dr. Warner the necessity of less harsh measures with the servants. The note was written on the spot, & read to the Board, who unanimously approved it, & Patience was forthwith dispatched with said note to Dr. Warner. The Board then adjourned to meet at same place to morrow evening.

Savannah Nov. 29, 1857

A meeting of the Managers of the S. P. H. Hospital was held this evening at the office of Wm Duncan - present

- W. Hewitt
- Charles Green
- R. A. Lewis
- J. M. Furner
- W. B. Knapp

The president laid before the Board a letter a letter from S. Warner Steeward, asking for more rooms to be allotted to him for the use of his family, and also asking for various repairs & improvements in his apartments. The propositions from S. Warner were freely discussed & a letter from D. L. Cohen who had been requested to examine the Building in reference to the improvements and alterations asked for having been read and his opinion therein expressed - that the same were not necessary.

It was Resolved that the Board decline making any alterations for the present, and hope Dr. Warner will be satisfied with the apartments allotted to him, and approved by him, at the time of his entering on the duties of Steeward.

The president reported the purchase of five Shares of Bond stock, which was approved - The Board then adjourned  
W. Duncan  
pres.

at a meeting of the Board held at the office of W. Duncan Dec. 31, 1857  
present W. Duncan, Charles J. M. Furner  
J. M. Hewitt

The president laid before the board a letter from S. Warner Steeward, stating that he had discharged the nurse Obermiller & had engaged another in his place, a young man named Richard Shinn -

a letter was also read from Obermiller complaining that two days notice is too short for his discharge, desiring for his continuance in office for one month longer, to give him time to find lodgings for himself & wife and a situation in business for himself whereupon a motion of W. Duncan it was resolved that in consideration of the short notice of discharge to Mr. Obermiller, one month extra pay be allowed him, & permission to occupy his present quarters at the Hospital for one week from the 1st Jan next, & no longer - & that the president be requested to furnish the Steeward with a copy of the resolution of 15th Feb last in reference to the engagements of a nurse -  
The Board adjourned  
W. Duncan

Obermiller left - as a boon - the sum of \$20 - was paid to him.

Savannah July 17 1852

A Meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the office of Comdr. J. M. Lewis that day - when were present W. Brucean pres. Charles W. Lewis, J. M. Lewis, & W. M. Peritt.

Two communications from Dr. Warner the Steward of the Hospital addressed to the Board were read - one dated July 8th inst. & the other dated 15th inst. & the latter tendering Dr. Warner's resignation as Steward, at the end of one year service, viz on 1st day of March next - and nomination of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Lewis, Dr. Warner's resignation was accepted - & the president was requested to notify him of the same.

The president reported the purchase of two negroes for Hospital servants, viz Cassius & Claudius. Same purchased from Rev. A. B. Montgomery atty of Edwin J. McWilliams - for the sum of one thousand dollars & the same was approved. - The president reported that the purchase money had been paid, & the negroes were at the Hospital. The Board adjourned  
W. Brucean Pres.

Savannah Feb 2 1852 - An election was held that day at the office of Comdr. J. M. Lewis for seven managers of the Savannah Poor House & the Hospital for one year - and on counting the votes we found the following gentlemen duly elected  
W. Brucean - Mr. James Cephas Green  
A. J. Lewis - W. M. Peritt & W. Anderson  
& W. M. Peritt.

Certified this 2<sup>d</sup> day of February 1852 -  
W. Brucean  
Charles Green

A meeting of the Managers elected as above was held at the office of Comdr. J. M. Lewis & W. Anderson W. M. Peritt & W. M. Peritt - when they proceeded to the election of presidents & W. Brucean was re-elected president & W. M. Peritt to act as secretary - Dr. Pauline & Dr. Starnell were re-elected physicians to the Hospital.

The president presented the following report for the past year ending 1st day March which was read & ordered to be put on the minutes.  
Since the last annual meeting there have been admitted as patients into the Hospital viz from July 1 1851 till Feb 1 1852 475 patients - to which add 41 remaining

At Feb. 1857 we have \$16 for the year  
of this number 59 died during the  
year by blood discharged cereb. &  
63 remained on 1st inst. (pt.)

The permanent fund amounted  
a year ago to \$27,500 which has been  
increased during the year, \$3016.23  
making that fund at this date \$29,816.23

The fund has been thus increased by  
the purchase of a negro woman (Patience)  
her child for the sum of \$800. a negro  
man (Suffey) his wife (Clarissa) from  
New B. Harbrough for the sum of one  
thousand dollars, which negroes are  
excellent servants & have authorized  
by the steward to say, they prove an  
valuable acquisition to the Hospital.

The fund has been further increased  
by 5 shares C.R.R. & Co stock to which  
we were entitled at par, under the new  
issue, in virtue of the stock previously  
held by the Hospital.

D. Warner has acted as steward since  
April last, during much of the past sum-  
mer he was in bad health & was prevented  
giving Hospital as much personal attention  
as would have been desirable. He has  
concluded to resign as steward to take  
effect at April next, the same was laid  
before the Board and voted on & accepted  
at a meeting held 17th Jan'y last. Since  
then I have received a note from him  
which is herewith presented, in which  
he expresses his willingness to serve for ano-  
-ther year, if the Board shall think proper  
to select him. At this meeting it will be  
proper to determine our course to  
be pursued in reference to filling the vacancy.

And probably the best course, to secure a  
sufficiency of applicants from which to  
choose, would be by advertising through  
the public prints for applicants. - I am  
free to admit that our rated for  
the office in all respects, is not likely  
to offer, - but an advertisement may  
bring out some desirable applicants.  
Should the board consider or contin-  
-ue, or reselecting D. Warner, whether  
further will be necessary on this point.  
His qualifications for the office might  
not to be overlooked, if his health  
I doubt not, he would give more  
personal attention to the doctors, than  
he has done heretofore. He has Medical  
Skill & Kindness towards patients,  
which of themselves, are no small  
recommendations. - He has been dis-  
-satisfied, with his apartments, & has sought  
more improvements, than there were  
deemed necessary or proper, but I  
have understood from him, that he  
will be satisfied with the apartments  
allotted to him when he first took  
the office. - I must here repeat  
what I said in my last annual  
report, - that a single man, if possessed  
of the necessary qualifications, is much  
to be preferred to a man of family, & I am  
strengthened in this opinion by a like  
opinion expressed by Dr. Ballou, - the  
reasons for this opinion will readily pre-  
-sent themselves to the members of the  
board, - I may just say however, that in  
such case, the undivided attention  
of the steward would be given to





Savannah Oct 30 1852

A meeting of the Board was held  
at the office of Wm Duncan  
present W Duncan, Mr Knapp  
J. D. Powell, Mr Anderson -

The President stated to the board  
that owing to the great sickness  
prevailing for some time, & the  
increased number of patients  
at the Hospital, the labours of  
Steward & Nurse & servants had  
been increased, & stated that a  
panic had prevailed in the Hospi-  
tal owing to a few cases of yellow  
fever, having been there - that the  
panic had pervaded all departments,  
as Dr Arnold informed him - In con-  
sequence of it, the Nurse had left, and  
the files of sickness - the Steward had  
ceased to remain in the Hospital at night,  
for three weeks - his wife having been  
sick & removed into the City - that the  
Steward had sent a note to him that  
day that his wife, stating that he had  
been compelled to take to bed, that  
there was no one in the house or full  
of sick people, & no one to administer  
medicine - The President stated that he  
had fortunately secured the services of Mr  
Salbida just and from Carolina who  
had acted for Miss Marrett at nurse  
in the Hospital that place in the  
Stewards place temporarily - & during the  
Stewards absence - which was approved  
by the board - that board was informed by the  
President of the great difficulty of getting anyone  
to serve as nurse or any other capacity,  
on account of the panic which had prevailed

all departments of the Hospital -

A patient from the Collector had been  
refused admittance this day - the reason  
given by the Steward - that there was  
no one to attend to him - the President stated  
that he had recommended to the Collector  
to send the said patient to a boarding  
house - & that he had attended to - that  
the Collector had done so, & had  
notified the board that they would  
be held responsible for the expense,  
which, as a contract exists between  
the board & the Collector, was deemed  
correct - the board adjourned

Monday Nov 1 1852

Board met at office of Wm Duncan  
present Mr Knapp J. D. Powell  
W Duncan - a letter from the  
Steward (D. Warner) was read before  
them - stating that as a young man  
had been sent to him (Mrs Salbida) who  
could assume & discharge his duties in  
the Hospital - he would ask of the  
board leave of absence for two weeks  
to recruit his health, as he stands much  
winded at present - & that he desired  
to leave on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst by boat at  
9 a.m. - whereupon it was asked  
that the leave asked for be granted  
in as much as the Steward expressed  
the opinion that Mr Salbida could  
assume & discharge his duties -  
that board adjourned

Savannah Dec. 22 1852

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the Savannah Poor & Hospital was held this day at the office of Dr. Duncan, present R. Lewis, Charles Green, J. M. Smith & W. Duncan & W. Anderson.

The President presented to the Board a note addressed to him from Dr. Trauner, requesting that before leaving the Hospital, he might be appointed Resident Physician of the Hospital as well as his connection with his office of Steward - after full exchange of views on the subject (with every desire to meet Dr. Trauner's views - it was resolved that it is not expedient to change the rule bearing on the appointment of Steward of the Hospital as such a proceeding might embarrass the Board at some future time.

The President stated that Dr. Arnold, in a desirous of being connected in some way with the Hospital - when it was resolved that Dr. Arnold, from his long & faithful services as a physician to the Hospital, & to identify him with its interests, be appointed an honorary member of the Board.

The President reported contracts for brick wall round the Hospital & contract for copying & iron railing & stated the cost would be about \$3,500. To meet which, the President was authorized to borrow \$1,500 or \$2,000 in preference to parting with any of the stocks or bonds belonging to the Hospital.

The President was also authorized to purchase one or two servants, was appro-

ved; many offers for the use of the Hospital - The President reported, an arrangement made with the City for a transfer of the grounds of the Hospital lying south of the building for certain ground north of same. The title from the City to the said P. H. Hospital was read to the Board & approved. Said contract is on record in office of the Court Book & K. K. folios 179 & 180.

It was ordered that the title be recorded also in this minute book.

The Board approved  
W. M. Campbell.

Georgia  
Chatham County

This Indenture made the fourth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand three hundred and fifty two, Between the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah and the Trustees of the "Savannah Poor House and Hospital" a Corporation duly established in the County and State aforesaid of the second part, Witness by an Ordinance of the City of Savannah entitled "An Ordinance for the exchange of certain parts of the Municipal domain now occupied by the Savannah Poor House and Hospital for an equivalent on certain conditions" passed on the eighth day of May in the year aforesaid, it was enacted that the Mayor should give under the Corporation seal of the City of Savannah a conveyance to the said party of the second part of all that portion of the Municipal domain therein after particularly described, in consideration of a certain quitclaim to be duly executed by the said party of the second part of all and every claim of any and every person of the Public Domain or Property of the City of Savannah, and on the express condition, that the said lands so received to be conveyed should never be improved or used for any purpose of pecuniary profit for any other purpose than the care and comfort of the poor and sick according to the charitable

intention of the founders of the said Poor House and  
Hospital, and on the further condition, that the said  
lands should, not in any manner be subject to the debts  
contracts or engagements of the said Savannah Poor  
House and Hospital, but in case the said corporation  
should at any time attempt to sell or in any way encumber  
the said lands, or in case of the dissolution or dissolution  
of the said corporation, the said lands and all the improve-  
ments thereon should at once revert to the said, the Mayor  
and Aldermen of the City of Savannah and the Wardens  
thereof. Now This Indenture Witnesseth, that the  
said, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah  
and the Wardens thereof in pursuance of the said  
Ordinance and by the authority of the same, and for and  
in consideration of the valuable sum of money expended  
by the party of the second part of all and every claim  
to any and every other portion of the City domain or property  
and for the promotion of the charitable objects for which  
the said Corporation of the second part was founded,  
and which are of great value and advantage to the inhabi-  
tants of the City of Savannah, Wills Granted -  
Bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents  
both Grant Bargain sell and convey unto the said,  
"The Savannah Poor House and Hospital," all  
that tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being  
within the County and State of Georgia and within  
the Corporate Limits of Savannah, being that part  
of the Municipal Domain lying between Easton Street  
on the North, Kingdon Street on the South,  
Adams Street on the West, and Clayton Street on  
the East, together with the improvements and appurtenances  
thereon. To Have and To Hold the said parcel of  
Land above described with the improvements and  
appurtenances unto the said, "The Savannah Poor  
House and Hospital," to be had used possessed and  
enjoyed by the said corporation so long as it continues  
to exist and discharge the purposes of its creation accord-  
ing to the charitable intention of its founders and

the terms and meaning of its charter, and in full the  
express condition that the said parcel of Land herein  
before conveyed shall not at any time be used or applied  
for purposes of pecuniary profit, or for any other purpose  
than the care and comfort of the Poor and Sick residing  
to the charitable intention of the founders of said  
Poor House and Hospital, and in full the further  
condition and trust, that the said parcel of Land shall  
not be subject to any debt or contract which shall be of  
the said Corporation, and shall not be used or disposed  
of, encumbered, or subjected in any way or manner  
inconsistent with or repugnant to the true intention  
of this Grant which is made for the sole use and  
benefit and behoof of the beneficiaries of the said Poor  
House and Hospital, and to enable the said Corpora-  
tion more effectually to discharge the objects for  
which it was created, but shall always be held in  
the possession of the said Corporation and used  
exclusively by it in the discharge of its Charitable  
Duty. And, and in case of the violation of any  
of these conditions, or should the said Corporation,  
the said party of the second part, make any effort  
to violate the said condition, or attempt to use the  
said lot of Land for any purpose of pecuniary profit  
or any other purpose than the care and comfort of the  
Poor and Sick, or to subject the Land in any way to a  
contract or debt, or to alienate the same, or encumber  
it, or dispose of it in any way inconsistent with the  
true intent and spirit of this Grant and the condition  
thereof, or in case the said, The Savannah Poor House  
and Hospital should become dissolved or should  
in any way be dissolved or cease to perform its functions,  
then and in all such cases and events, the said parcel  
or lot of Land with all the improvements and appurtenances  
shall revert to the Corporation of the City of Savannah  
the said party of the first part who shall immediately  
thereafter possess the power of Re-entry, and having by  
the means of their proper officers executed such power and

Articles thereof or making void in the premises, the said  
panel of said shall be considered at the expiration of  
ten days thereafter as absolutely settled in the City  
corporation, and the estate created by these presents  
determined to all intents and purposes, any sale or  
reimbursement or other act made or suffered by the said  
party of the first part, or all Alleged to the contrary  
Provoid the Lawing

In Witness whereof By Authority of the  
Ordinance before recited, The Mayor of Savannah  
has here to set his hand and caused the Corporate  
Seal of the City of Savannah to be affixed the day  
and Year first above written

Witness Seal and Delivered

In presence of

George  
R. A. Alkin  
Not Pub. cc,

(Signed) Richard T. Arnold,  
Mayor

Attest

R. A. Alkin  
Clerk of Council

Checks off - Sup. Court  
Recorded in Book KK fol 470 & 480  
August 9th 1852 S. F. Ackerman del

Savannah Feb 7 1853

An election of seven managers of the  
Savannah Poor House Hospital was held  
this day at the office of Wm Duncan  
and the following named persons  
were duly elected - Wm Duncan, Charles  
Green, Kalever, M. Anderson, R. B.  
Knapp, L. W. Smith, T. J. Kelly - which  
is certified by us - this 7th day of Feb 1853

Wm C. D. Smith  
W. Duncan

A meeting of the Board was held at the office  
of Wm Duncan Feb 17 1853 present Wm Duncan  
Charles Green, Kalever, Wm Duncan, T. Kelly &  
Hon Member B. R. D. Arnold - The board pro-  
ceeded to the election of President Wm Duncan  
was duly elected -

The president read to the Board the follow-  
ing report -

"At the close of another Year I  
have the pleasure of presenting to the  
Board a statement of the affairs & con-  
dition of the Hospital during that period.

The number of patients in the Hospi-  
tal on 1st Feb 1852 was 61  
from 1st Feb 1852 to 1st Feb 1853 there  
have been admitted

922  
958 pa-  
tients for 12 months - of those admitted dur-  
ing the past year 583 were paupers, to which  
add, those in the Hospital 1st Feb 1852 there  
have over 600 paupers who have been the beneficiaries  
of your charity - There have been admitted 379  
American Seamen & 59 British Seamen during

The Year -

Of the 100 pumps 78 died during the Year of Am. Seamen 24 died. & of British Seamen 14 died. Making 100 deaths for 12 months - being a fraction more than one in ~~100~~ <sup>100</sup> in the Hospital - This does not compare favourably with recent times, being not more than of 50 at least in the deaths; but it is in some measure accounted for, when we call to mind the very great increase of European, as their port during the past year, & the more than usual sickness prevailing among that class during the month of Sept. Oct. & November.

The number of Seamen discharged Cured during the Year is	475
The number of Am. Seamen discharged Cured during the Year is	284
& the number of <sup>British</sup> Seamen -	55

So much has been said as to the prevalence of Yellow fever in Savannah, during the last fall, that I have been particular to ascertain the number of Cases in the Hospital & its amount to 8 pumps & 1 Seaman.

This is the sum of Yellow <sup>fever</sup> there, as determined by the physicians, & when it is borne in mind, that most of such Cases would necessarily be at the Hospital, being confined to the poorer class of people, there is not much cause for alarm or apprehension for the future. It is a matter that these were Cases in the city in private practice, but it is doubted, if, including them & those at the Hospital, there were an above 20 deaths from Yellow fever. I have alluded to this subject, because so much has been said out of the city, in the shape of most exaggerated statements, which proved in many instances a too ready currency -

The present Steward & Warden has tendered his resignation, to take effect, not about next, but I recommend it be accepted. - It will be proper at this time to make some arrangement for supplying his place - The House of the Hospital Mr. Fabbus is competent to the discharge of the duties of the ~~the~~ Steward, & I would have no hesitation in confiding the same to him for a time. Whether the board will consider him as enough settled enough, for a permanent appointment to that office may be determined after trying him in that Capacity for a month or two. That course I would recommend, if adopted should suggest, to the board, that each member shall make it his duty to visit often at the Hospital in reference to such appointments.

At this meeting, it will be necessary to elect two attending physicians for the Year - Dr. Bulloch & Canah, have served for the last year. Both Gentlemen are candidates for re-appointments. Dr. Howard also is a Candidate & also Dr. Young - other Gentlemen have been spoken of as desirous of the appointment, but those named are all that are formally presented to the board. It is known to the members that Dr. Canah in conjunction with another medical Gentleman, has established an private Hospital in the City & it may be a question, how far his duties to both would conflict -

Agreeably to authority given me by the board Titles from the city to the Hospital. I should have been perfected & that matter is finally & forever at rest. The titles were carefully prepared by Dr. S. B. Carter Esq. for which I paid him thirty Dollars. The Hall & other improvements, authorized by the board, are now nearly completed. The ~~only~~

has cost considerably more than was at first contemplated, mainly by the addition of two Houses, one for a dead House, & the other for any purpose to which it may be properly applied. The expense has also been increased by carrying the wall in some places 16 feet high, to conform with the grade of the city, under the impression that the city authorities will pursue a uniform grade of the streets.

The work at the Hospital has been done under the supervision of Withall an architect of experience, and all payments on accounts done, have been made on his certificate & order. I have paid to W. H. White the Builder \$2981. in full for wall & material, including the laying of coping stone for iron railing. I have paid to W. Chew for woodwork & roofing to two new Houses & a new pier, \$254. I have paid on account of stone coping \$500. leaving \$39. due on that account. Making in all paid \$3735. The iron railing has been shipped from Phila. to costs \$1002. I hope soon to see it in its place & the whole work completed. The cost of the whole I expect to say will be nearly \$5000. but the work will be permanent & further annual expense in repairing fences will be saved.

It will be necessary to borrow \$2000. to pay for the balance of the work, & for advance which would be recommended in preference to disposing of any portion of our invested funds. The amount may be repaid off during the current year.

From various causes, the expenses of the Hospital have been considerably increased. Of those I may name the increased

number of patients, & which I am likely will continue to increase every year. I put the expenses of the Institution for the year at about \$75,000. which gives about eight dollars for each patient. This seems reasonable enough, particularly so, when I state to the board, that in a report of another Institution of like character, which I saw recently the expense per sick patient for a year was put about forty three dollars.

I have asked to be appointed as Resident Physician of the Hospital prior to his leaving - on the ground that it will be beneficial to him, on returning to practice.

The board at its meeting 22d last, voted on a like application & it was then resolved that it would not be expedient to change the rule bearing on the appointment of Stewards. I have respectfully asked the board to reconsider that resolution.

The assets or securities belonging to the Hospital, & amounting to \$39,800 have been exhibited to Messrs. John W. Dabson & Charles Green, who have certified thereon. The same Committee have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer & have certified to their correctness & with proper vouchers showing a balance in favor of the Treasurer & due to him of five Hundred & twenty  $\frac{84}{100}$  dollars.

I have thus given to the board a general view of the condition of the Hospital, & thanking my friends for their continued confidence in me I am respectfully  
Wm. Dabson

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On motion of Mr. Dabson the above report was read & adopted & ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The suggestion of the President

reference to a Steward was adopted by the Board, she was authorized to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Fabbid Dr. Bullock & Harvick mentioned by ballot, physicians for the Year.

A loan of \$2000 - was authorized - The loans to W. Duncan & R. Adams were authorized for another Year - The president was authorized to renew the loan to S. M. Jemey, on the best terms - should a renewal be required - with the existing security of S. M. Jemey & Co.

Dr. Wamers application to be appointed Resident physician, was under consideration & the Board resolved - to adhere to their resolution of 22<sup>d</sup> Oct. last -

Dr. Wamers application for leave of absence for ten days prior to 15<sup>th</sup> March next, was granted.

A letter from Dr. McCall was read requesting extra compensation by a special or otherwise in view of his extraordinary labours at the Hospital during the last fall, & while much sickness prevailed there - & after due consideration it was resolved, that the Board did <sup>not</sup> consider it proper to allow any thing beyond his salary -

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was resolved that the names of the visiting Committee be published Monthly - in all the papers if no charge be made for the same, if charge for, then in the Morning News -

The motion of Mr. Anderson it was resolved that the President, Wm. F. S. C. Dunning Trustee that his Bond for five thousand Dollars to the Hospital, will be expected to be paid at the time it is due say 10<sup>th</sup> January 1854.

The following visiting Committees were appointed for March & April - W. Anderson & C. Green  
" May & June - R. Adams & S. M. Jemey  
" July & August - W. North & W. B. Knapp  
" Sept & Oct. - W. Duncan & S. Kelly  
Nov. & Dec. - W. Anderson & S. Kelly  
Jan'y & Feb'y - W. B. Knapp & R. Adams

If such alterations may be made in the same as may be necessary to suit the convenience of members -

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Green & adopted -

Resolved that the president be authorized to have the ~~grounds~~ <sup>grounds</sup> of the Hospital laid out in walks & planted with trees immediately under direction of a gardener assisted by the Convalescing patients & such labour as it may be necessary to employ in addition - and

Res<sup>d</sup> that an arrangement may be made with a gardener for weekly attention to the grounds, the Convalescing patients to be also employed to assist him -

The Board on motion adjourned.

W. Duncan,  
Pres<sup>t</sup>

A copy of the resolutions adopted by the Board July 10<sup>th</sup> 1847 - defining the duties in administering Medicines - and a copy of the report of the Committee adopted May 25<sup>th</sup> 1850 - defining the compensation of the Steward of the Hospital was handed to Mr. Fabbid acting Treasurer April 20<sup>th</sup> 1853 -

W. D.  
Gave a notice on S. C. Dunning Trustee, that the debt by him to the Hospital \$5000 - due 15<sup>th</sup> January next must be paid - Paid April 28. 1853 - W. D.



Savannah Feb 6 1854

An election of a Board of Managers of the Savannah Poor House Hospital was held this day at the office of W.D. Duncan & in counting the ballots the following gentlemen were duly elected -

W.D. Duncan, Charles Green, W. Anderson, S.W. Nevitt, R. Reeves, W.B. Knapp, & J. C. Kelly - all which is certified by us -

W.D. Duncan  
J. C. Kelly

A meeting of the managers was held at the House of W.D. Duncan on Wednesday 14th Feb. - present, S.W. Nevitt, R. Reeves, J. C. Kelly, W.D. Duncan, & honorary member D. K. Arnold O. - the meeting was organized & W.D. Duncan was re-elected president & Massey - who presented to the Board, the following report.

At the close of another year I have the pleasure of presenting to the Board, a statement of the affairs & condition of the Hospital during the past year.

The number of patients in the Hospital on Feb 1st 1853 was 53  
From Feb 1st '53 to Feb 1st '54 there have been <sup>as matters</sup> 452  
making 505 patients for the year. 886

Of these admitted 204 were paupers 198 were Seaman & Mr. Seaman. The number of deaths for the year '53, being one death nearly 1/2 every 10 patients. The past has been the most favorable year in this respect of any within my experience. The

deaths during the year preceding that under consideration amounted to one in every ten patients, but that even a year of more than usual deaths.

The number of admissions that year was 921 - making a difference in favor of the year just closed of 410 patients. It is interesting to notice the difference of deaths of paupers & Seaman. Taking the paupers only, we have a death in every 13, while of Seaman it is in every 23. The treatment of both classes is in every respect the same, the cause of death usually, in one class or the other, must be looked for as some other element, probably brain fever, the fact that paupers in many cases, are not sent to the Hospital till involving conditions have beyond the reach of medical treatment. The number of paupers discharged during the year, is 252 & of Seaman discharged 180.

At the last annual meeting I recommended Mr. Talbot to the Board as steward not without some misgivings as to his character & fitness for so responsible a position. I regret to say that his misgivings have not been altogether allayed, all my apprehensions have not been removed, & I feel about the most unworthy that we could have selected.

He was discharged at Nov. last & Mr. Fair was chosen temporarily in his place. Mr. Fair is attentive & honest & I believe, is daily fitting himself for a more arduous discharge of his duties. It will be proper for the Board to determine at this meeting whether Mr. Fair shall be elected for the year or whether he shall be retained temporarily in the meantime looking out for a better man. I must be cautious in recommending

at the expense of my last recommendation shows, I must think it better to present to your consideration than Mr. Fair. It is not likely that he would be willing to continue on an uncertainty, liable to be removed at any time, merely on the ground that a better man offers, & therefore it may perhaps be the best policy to elect Mr. Stewart for the Year.

I have the testimony of the physicians that he improves & probably by the expense of a year, he may be found in all respects competent. He is very attentive to the patients. He makes it his first duty in the morning & his last at night to visit all the patients, which I think very commendable. I have endeavoured to make his apartments as comfortable as possible. He asks for a genteel gate at the West End of the high wall, & recommends that you should be made.

Dr. Bullock & Howard are candidates for reelection as Hospital Physicians, & if elected I am requested to ask for them the privilege of appointing two associates to take their place during necessary absence, & sometimes to leave the Hospital in summer. Dr. Arnold has been attending a certain class of patients, for the purpose of lecturing to his students, & will continue to do so during College term, after which he will withdraw & Howard will assume.

The subject of lecturing at the Hospital before the patients is worthy of consideration & it will be well for the board to express an opinion on that subject. I suspect the opinion of Dr. Arnold in every thing pertaining to Hospital Management, I have no fears that

he will do or allow any thing, that would affect its best interests, but on this point there is some difference between us. I think the number of students to be present at any lecture should be limited to forty, as it is in some of the northern Hospitals. My reason any that a large number of young men, attending the sick room is calculated to affect patients injuriously, by too much noise, or apparent indifference, and perhaps by exciting fears.

I have several objections to allowing an indiscriminate number to attend & if the board will instruct me on this subject, I have no doubt Dr. Arnold will agree to whatever they shall think most advisable on the premises. The accounts for the Year since have been examined by Mr. Beecher & Mr. Hewitt who certify to their correctness & the items being supported by proper vouchers. The balance on hand is \$300.92 but there are several bills for last year unsettled, among them, Solomon's bill for medicines, which will more than probably absorb the balance.

Wm. Duncan has paid of his note to the Hospital for \$3000. Two thousand dollars. & J. M. Fumes note for \$500 has been paid, both which payments appear in the Cashbook. The amount of the Permanent fund is \$38,700.

The expenses of the Institution are increasing yearly. The high price of provisions makes a serious difference in the Yearly expenses & I see no reason to hope for any abatement in the future, at least for the present Year. I regret to have to inform the board of the death of Miss



A meeting of the Board was  
 called ~~Monday~~ 2. 1854 present W. Duncan  
 M. Anderson, K. Green not a quorum  
 It was agreed that Dr. Masten might  
 take the place of Dr. Howard as one  
 of the physicians at the Hospital during  
 Dr. Howard's contemplated absence.

The president reports all  
 in order at the Hospital. Mr. Fair the  
 steward not as efficient as is desirable  
 but attentive. The Board adjourned  
 W. Duncan

WHICH ARE IMPERATIVELY DEMANDED BY  
 THE CITY.

The latter, as I have stated and as I  
 firmly believe, could be made self-sustain-  
 ing by utilizing the labor of the vagrants  
 of both races who throng the streets.  
 These creatures eke out a precarious  
 existence by stealing, and annually entail  
 a heavy expense upon the county in the  
 matter of their trials and support in jail.  
 I am sure there would be no difficulty  
 in obtaining good men who would devote  
 their time and energy as commissioners,  
 to manage such institutions without re-  
 ward other than that which follows the  
 consciousness of performing a public  
 duty.

There certainly ought to be one mem-  
 ber at least on the Board of Aldermen, or  
 on the Board of County Commissioners,  
 who has the independence to step for-  
 ward as the champion for the claims of  
 the sick, the poor and needy. 1874

Savannah Feb 5 1855  
 An election was held this day for  
 Managers of the Hospital at the office  
 of W. Duncan, when on Counting  
 out the votes - the old board was  
 re-elected, viz  
 C. Green, M. Anderson }  
 N. B. Knapp, Dr. Masten } W. Duncan  
 A. Simola, John Kelly } Francis W. Kelly  
 W. Duncan }  
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A meeting of the Board was held  
 at the house of Wm. Duncan Feb 7th  
 1855 present the above named

The being meeting being organized  
 W. Duncan was unanimously elected  
 President &c - The president presented  
 to the Board a statement of the Condition  
 of the Hospital, The assets of the same  
 amounting to \$38000 - Expenditures &c  
 all which was approved -

Mr. Fair the present steward  
 was represented by the president as  
 unsuited for the office in many respects  
 but that he did not know where  
 a better could be found at this time -  
 Whereupon it was Res. that Mr. Fair  
 be continued in office for such part  
 of the coming year, as may meet the  
 approval of the president, & that in the  
 meantime he be authorized to appoint  
 in Mr. Fair's place, a suitable man  
 when he can be found.

The president was authorized  
 to pay Mr. Fair this day ten dollars being  
 an amount said by him to be due

from Talbot the late Steward for services  
as nurse. The said amt was paid  
to Talbot by the president to be paid  
to Mr. Hodgey but as in many other  
instances Talbot kept the money &  
did not pay him.

A motion Res. That  
the president be authorized to present  
to Mr. Hodgey, student of medicine,  
one hundred dollars, in consideration  
of his faithful services at the Hospital  
as nurse, during the prevalence of  
Yellow fever, in August Sept. & Oct. last.  
This to be over & above his regular  
compensation as nurse.

A motion The thanks of  
the board were tendered to Mr. P. Kelly  
for his arduous care of the interests  
of the Hospital as president pro tem.  
Resolved that the thanks  
of the board be tendered to D. Bullock  
for his constant watchfulness over  
the Hospital during the trying period  
of the past season.

D. Bullock was re-elected  
one of the physicians of the Hospital  
& Dr. J. B. Redd was elected his associate.

Dr. Arnold was elected as consulting  
physician & the privilege recorded  
him of visiting the Hospital at all  
times.

The Board then adj.

W. D. Duncan pres.

Nov. 27. 1857  
A meeting was held this day at the  
office of W. D. Duncan, present W. D. Duncan  
pres. D. M. Donalds, Dr. Redd, H. Kelly.  
The president stated that he had engaged  
the services of Mr. J. H. Shaw, a Steward  
& Matron of the Hospital at a salary  
of \$1000. - and asked the Board to con-  
firm the same - A motion the same  
was unanimously confirmed - Motion  
duties to commence on 22<sup>d</sup> Oct. last  
with - & Mr. Shaw to cease on 1st Dec.

A motion was made to  
grant clinical tickets to Medical  
Students in the City of Savannah  
at \$5 Each pr. annum from 1st  
Nov. next & that none be admitted  
as visitors at the Hospital but such  
as have taken such tickets.

The president read to the board  
a communication from Dr. Byrd  
Dean of Oglethorpe Med College  
asking the same privilege for the  
Students of that Institution as ac-  
- corded to the Savannah College.

Whereupon the president was au-  
- thorized to communicate to Dr. Byrd  
the substance of the above resolution  
& that the Students of the Oglethorpe  
Med. College, would have the same  
privilege as stated in the above  
resolution & on the same terms.

The Board then adjourned.  
W. D. Duncan pres.

Sav. Ga. Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1856

A meeting of the Board  
was held at the office of W.D. Duncan,  
present W.D. Duncan, John W. Anderson,  
W. Keitt, N.B. Knapp & Charles Green.  
The principal estimate for plumbing  
work to supply the Hospital with hot  
& cold water & gas was laid before  
the Board - After full consideration  
in every respect, also location of bath  
rooms, wash basins & bureaus - The same  
was approved, & the president was author-  
-ized to make the contract, & to make such  
alterations in the plan, as he might think  
necessary.

The minutes of last meeting  
were read & approved.  
Resolved at  
W.D. Duncan pres.

Sav. Feb 4. 1856

An election for seven managers  
of the poor house & Hospital was held  
this day at the office of W.D. Duncan  
& on counting the ballots, the follow-  
ing gentlemen were elected -

John W. Anderson, Charles  
Green, N.B. Knapp, J. Kelly, W. Keitt,  
R.D. Arnold & W.D. Duncan.

W.D. Duncan  
Wm. Fowler  
Committee

Savannah Aug. 27. 1856

At a called meeting of the board  
the president stated he would  
be absent for eight or ten days  
at a Rail Road Convention at  
Thomasville Geo, and desired  
was requested to act as president  
during his absence -

The president reported  
the Hospital in good condition  
The gas introduced, & the pipes  
for the introduction of water  
all laid - And expressed the hope  
of introducing the water by the  
first of next week. This however  
is dependent on the work of laymen  
pipes to make the connection by  
the Commissioners of the water works.

W.D. Duncan  
Pres.